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Alpena Arms

HUMOROUS.

The king can do no wrong—if
the other fellow has the ace.—
Blizzard.

It doesn't always follow that
shaking an acquaintance rattles him.
—Philadelphia Times.

"I want a dollar, Jones, and I
want it bad." "All right, take this
counterfeit."—Brooklyn Life.

The first electrical storage battery
is believed to have been the ordi-
nary tabby cat.—Somerville Journal.

"Mamma, did the hen burst a
few?" asked little Johnny when he
saw a broken wing.—Binghamton
Republic.

"I am very anxious to play by
note," said the young man who gave
the professor an I. O. U. for piano
lessons.—Washington Star.

It is easy to tell when a man is
flattering your neighbor, but it isn't
so easy to decide when he is flatter-
ing you.—Somerville Journal.

It is curious how much faster a
street car humps along when you
are running after it than when you
are riding on it.—Richmond Re-
corder.

To be capable of steady friend-
ship and lasting love, are the two
greatest proofs not only of good-
ness of heart, but of strength of
mind.—Ex.

He—"A—don't you find existence
an awful bore?"

She—"A—well, some people's ex-
istence—most decidedly!"—New
York World.

Justice—"Officer, what is the
prisoner charged with?" Officer
Lafferty—"Well, your honor, I'm
not much of a judge, but it smells
a good deal like whisky."—Life's
Calendar.

"Don't you think," the mother
said proudly, "that her playing
shows a remarkable finish?" "Yes,"
replied the young man, absently;
"but she was a long time getting to
it."—The Jury.

"I know why bees never sit
down," said Walter. "Why, my
dear?" asked his mother. "Be-
cause they have pins in their coat
tails, and they're afraid to!"—Har-
per's Young People.

They had been discussing the pro-
nunciation of "oleomargarine," and
finally agreed to leave it to the
waiter, but he hedged. "Sure,"
said he, "I have to pronounce it
butter or lose my job."—Indiana-
polis Journal.

He (poor and idle.)—You reject
my hand. Cruel girl! Reverse
your decision or I shall do some-
thing desperate!

She (an heiress who knows her
worth.)—To be maintained.—Go to
work, I suppose.—Texas Siftings.

Daughter.—Papa, I wish you'd
get me the New Universal Inter-
national Unabridged Encyclopedia,
complete in ninety-nine volumes.

Father.—Gee Whittaker! Why
do you want that?

Daughter.—Because Clara Way-
nup has one.—New York Weekly.

Guest.—Now I'll take some ice
cream to top off with, three flavors.

Waiter.—Your bill is seventy-five
cents already, sir.

Guest.—What of that?

Waiter.—Why, you see, sir, mixed
ice cream is twenty cents, and you'll
probably give me a dollar to pay the
check, and that'll leave only five
cents for me.—New York Weekly.

Horse Dealer.—"Well, John, how
about that horse I sold you? Was
he quiet enough?"

Undertaker.—Well, sir, he did
give us a little trouble at first. We
put him into one of the mourning
coaches, you know; and parties
don't like to be shook up in their
grief. But we put him in the
hearse now—and we haven't heard
any complaints so far.—Spare Mo-
ments.

Sheridan once went to a hair-
dresser to order a wig. On being
measured, the barber, who was a
liberal soul, invited the orator to
take some refreshments in an inner
room. Here he showed him so
much genuine hospitality that
Sheridan's heart was touched.
When they rose from the table, and
were about separating, the latter,
looking the barber full in the face,
said:

"On reflection, I don't intend that
you shall make my wig."

Astonished, and with a blank
visage, the other exclaimed:

"Good heaven! Mr. Sheridan, how
can I have displeased you?"

"Why, look you," said Sheridan,
"you are an honest fellow; and I re-
peat it, you shan't make the wig
for I never intend to pay for it.
I'll go to another less worthy son
of the craft."—Spare Moments.

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A Lynching that was Stopped by the Lynchers.

The colonel got back from Eu-
rope the other day. He had not
been seen at his favorite table in his
chosen restaurant in so long a time
that when three or four friends
came in by turns the next evening
and noticed his handsome face smil-
ing there they all came up and
greeted him warmly. Of course
they sat down at his table. A din-
ner with the colonel that did not
end with a story would be no din-
ner at all, and everyone knew from
the light in the colonel's eye that
he was waiting only for the cigars.
"Never tell a story at dinner until
you are through eating," is his rule.
This is the way he began his open-
ing one of the season:

"This is a little bit of a world,
and you are always meeting some-
one wherever you go. I ran across
a man on my steamer going over
whom I had not seen in a great
many years. I don't know whether
you ever felt your heart really stop
beating, but it is a wonderful sensa-
tion, as if all the world were melt-
ing away from you. That is the
way I felt when I saw that man's
pale face and his dark eyes and
white teeth. It wasn't that I was
afraid he would do me any harm.
It wasn't that I feared him as an
enemy; but a scene which I don't
like to recall came back to me with
a rush that made me dizzy. He
did not recognize me, and we never
came close together, but that first
night I could not sleep to save my
life. I don't know what he does.
I don't know—but let me tell you a
story.

"We were a pretty rough lot that
fall and winter. I don't know just
why it was. Most of us were steady
going men usually, but there was
an element among us that kept the
whole town in a ferment, and you
know that was dangerous out west
in those days. There was too much
fighting and too much lawlessness
to suit some of us, and so we got
together one day and talked it over.
Our verdict was that the next time
a man named Drake, a gambler he
was, got into a shooting scrape we
would take him out and hang him,
for we had come to the conclusion
that Drake was at the bottom of
every fight. We also resolved to
inform Drake of our decision.

"This Drake was a wonderful
cool fellow. When we told him of
our verdict he shrugged his shoulder
and smiled dryly.

"All right," he said easily. "I'd
better be careful then."

"Now it happened that for sev-
eral days, perhaps two weeks, the
camp was as orderly as a church
meeting and our vigilance com-
mittee was congratulating itself on
the success of its action. But one
night—it had got well into the
winter—there was a terrible fight
in the Diamond saloon. Spotty, a
cripple, and two half-breeds were
killed outright; and half a dozen
men got a bullet or two in them.
One of the wounded men was Drake.

He had been playing in the game,
and had undoubtedly drawn his re-
volver and fired, for all the cham-
bers were empty.

"When we went to get Drake he
made no resistance. He was a little
paler than usual, but not a muscle
of his face twitched. I remember
how we marched out of town up to
the hillside. A light snow had fallen
that night and the moon was out—
nearly rounded. We went out
in single file, leaving a narrow
black path behind us on the white
covered ground. No one said any-
thing.

"Up on the slope the first man
stopped, and we came up and closed
a circle, Drake in the center.

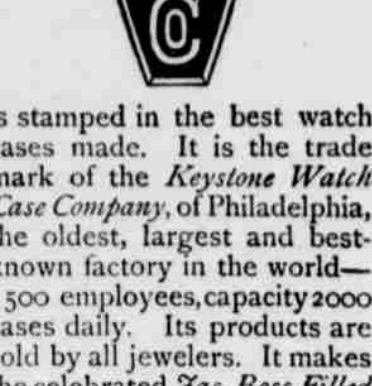
"Drake," said the chairman of
the committee, 'you have made a
hell out of this camp. We gave
you fair warning. Now, have you
any message which you want to
send to anyone?"

"I have no message," said Drake
firmly.

"Is there anything you would
like to say?"

"Yes, answered Drake, looking
the chairman in the eye, 'I want to
say this. I've no doubt that I de-
serve to be killed. I've made a lot
of trouble here. I knew what it
would cost me to shoot to-night,
and did it deliberately. But I don't
want you to hang me. All I ask is
that you shoot me. I give you my
word of honor, gentlemen, and he
smiled as if he expected us to doubt
him, 'that the shooting to-night
was not my fault. I was not in
that hand at all. I had thrown
down my cards. Spotty caught one
of the half-breeds holding out cards,
and before he could get the yellow

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devil's wrist the other one had his
six-shooter out. I saw that it was
all up with Spotty, and I fired,
knocking the half-breed out of his
chair. But the other one had got
the drop on Spotty, and he killed
him just as I pulled and shot him
through the head. Then two or
three turned on me and blazed away,
and we settled it there. I couldn't
help it! It was two to one against
Spotty—a cripple—and so I fired.

"Every one thought that it was a
lie, but we held a whispered consul-
tation. Then some one remember-
ed that he had heard after the fight
that Drake did not begin the trouble.
We decided not to hang him, but to
shoot him.

One of the men came forward
with the rope. Just then the moon,
which had been hanging behind the
snow-covered branches of a tree,
came out and shown full in Drake's
face. He turned deathly white
when he saw the rope, but he stood
without making a motion.

"Don't hang me," he said stead-
ily. "I promise you, gentlemen,
that I haven't lied about this
scrape."

"We are not going to hang you,"
said the chairman in a low tone.
"We only want to pinion your arms
to this tree."

"Drake did not say a word. No
one spoke as the rope was twined
around him and the tree. Finally
it was knotted. The moon was
shining clearly and some of us look-
ing at Drake's face began to breathe
hard. His eyes looked straight be-
fore him. Then he made a slight
effort to move within his bonds.

"Gentlemen," he said slowly,
"please untie the rope; it hurts my
arms."

"No one answered him or moved.
"I'm not afraid of bullets," he
said, with a smile that was almost a
sneer; "please unfasten the rope. I
won't stir."

"It was a fearful moment for us.
He was so cool and calm that some
of us, looking into one another's
eyes, began to doubt if we ought
to go on. And yet no one would
say the word. Drawing out revolv-
ers we stood out in line. Drake
did not wince. He did not close his
eyes even, but looked steadfastly at
us. My arm was shaking. I knew
that our arms must have trembled,
for a moment later we got the count
and our revolvers rang loudly along
the hillside, but when we ran up to
Drake his eyes were open and he
was breathing between clenched
teeth.

"Finish it up," he said with a
gasping, "you haven't killed me," but
someone cried, "Cut him loose; this
is too much like murder." We cut
him away and carried him down to
the town. He had seven bullet
wounds."

The little group around the table
was silent. Someone lifted a glass
to his lips, and everyone else follow-
ed him.

"Well, you see," said the colonel,
"one doesn't like to meet a man at
whom he has shot under such cir-
cumstances. I propose a night-
cap."—New York Tribune.

Creditor Outwitted.

The celebrated French poet,
Saint-Foix, who, in spite of his large
income, was always in debt, sat one
day in a barber's shop waiting to be
shaved. He was lathered, when the
door opened and a tradesman enter-
ed, who happened to be one of the
poet's largest creditors. No sooner
did this man see Saint-Foix than he
angrily demanded his money. The
poet composedly begged him not to
make a scene.

"Won't you wait for the money
until I am shaved?"

"Certainly," said the other, pleas-
ed at the prospect.

Saint-Foix then made the barber
a witness of the agreement, and
immediately took a towel, wiped the
lather from his face and left the
shop. He wore a beard to the end
of his days.—Tid-Bits.

Salmon Going the Way of the Buffalo.

It looks as though the salmon
fisheries of the Columbia River,
which have added enormously to
the wealth of the Northwest, would
in the course of a few years become
exhausted. The fate of the Colum-
bia will probably be that of the
Sacramento River, from which
stream the salmon have almost dis-
appeared. Fish laws may be passed
and an attempt made to enforce
them, but it is not thought that
anything can be done in this way
that would suffice to save the fish-
eries. It seems that the salmon will
not remain in the rivers the waters of
which are frequently disturbed by
steamboats and that flow through

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thickly inhabited countries. The
salmon fishing of the not very dis-
tant future will likely be almost en-
tirely confined to British Columbia
and Alaska.—Denver Republican.

Quick-Witted.

An actor, now famous, made his
first appearance on the stage in a
provincial city. He was young and
nervous and failed dismally in the
part he was endeavoring to present,
and soon found himself the target
for an assortment of disagreeable
bric-a-brac.

One of his disgusted auditors
flung a cabbage-head at him. As it
fell on the stage, the actor picked
it up, and stepped to the footlights.
He raised his hand to command
silence, and pointing to the cabbage-
head, said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, I expect-
ed to please you with my acting,
but I confess I did not expect that
any one in the audience would lose
his head over it."

He was allowed to proceed with-
out further molestation.